

Destination: Mississippi

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Welcome to Mississippi. As we enter a new century, we are excited about what Mississippi has to offer the nation and the world. Mississippi has been known as “The Hospitality State” for years, and we certainly live up to that nickname. Friendly people are only part of what we have to offer, as you will soon learn. Mississippi is the home of many great musicians, writers and artist. Walter Anderson, Tammy Wynette, Leontyne Price, John Grisham and Bo Diddley all call Mississippi home. We have a rich cultural background, which nurtures many great entertainers and creates the opportunity to enjoy a multitude of visual and performing arts in Mississippi. Whether you plan to hike, swim, fish, hunt, ski or shop, you will have no problem finding an opportunity nearby in Mississippi. You can visit any of the 29 state parks in Mississippi, the Jackson Zoo, Rowan Oak and the Mississippi Museum of Natural Sciences. While visiting Mississippi, I challenge you to learn more about our state. Many people are unaware that Mississippi is home to the world’s longest manmade beach, the first heart and lung transplants were performed here and Mississippi is now home to the newest Nissan production plant. The State of Mississippi is full of great sights, but even more it’s full of places to explore, history to relive and a variety of new attractions and activities to discover each day. Thank you for experiencing all we have to offer. We are working every day to make Mississippi a great place to live, work and visit. We hope that you enjoy your visit and come back soon.